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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FINNAIR'S SERVICES TO NEW YORK

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1. BEFORE EMBASSY DELIVERS NOTE TO GOF AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, WE WISH TO ENSURE WE HAVE ALL RELEVANT FACTS AT HAND TO HELP US HANDLE ANTICIPATED ADVERSE FINNISH REACTION. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO ASCERTAIN WHAT, IF ANYTHING, FINNAIR SAID ABOUT PLANNED USE OF DC-10 PLANES IN CONNECTION WITH EXIM CREDITS OR OTHER USG APPROVALS NEEDED FOR PURCHASE.

2. ALTHOUGH OUR FILES ARE INCOMPLETE, WE BELIEVE FINNAIR ORDERED DC-10 AIRCRAFT IN 1971. AT TIME OF ORDERING, TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS GAVE NO CLEAR WARNING OF PRESENT EXCESS CAPACITY ON NORTH ATLANTIC. IF FINNAIR TOLD USG AT TIME DC-10S ORDERED THAT PLANES WOULD BE USED ON NORTH ATLANTIC, THIS IS FACTOR WHICH OUR NOTE SHOULD, IN EMBASSY'S VIEW, ACKNOWLEDGE.

3. FIRST OF FINNAIR'S TWO DC-10S ARRIVED HELSINKI FEBRUARY 4. WE WILL BE REPORTING SEPARATELY ON ARRIVAL AND ON CRITICISM FINNAIR HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO LOCALLY
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FOR ILL-TIMED PURCHASE. WE WOULD NOT WISH UNDULY

AGGRAVATE DIFFICULT PROBLEM FINNAIR FACES WITH ITS
PURCHASE OF AMERICAN PLANES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE SEND ANY INFORMATION AVAIL-
ABLE CONCERNING FINNAIR'S SPECIFIC OR IMPLIED COMMIT-
MENTS ABOUT ITS PLANNED USE OF THE TWO DC-10S IT IS NOW
TAKING DELIVERY OF.
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